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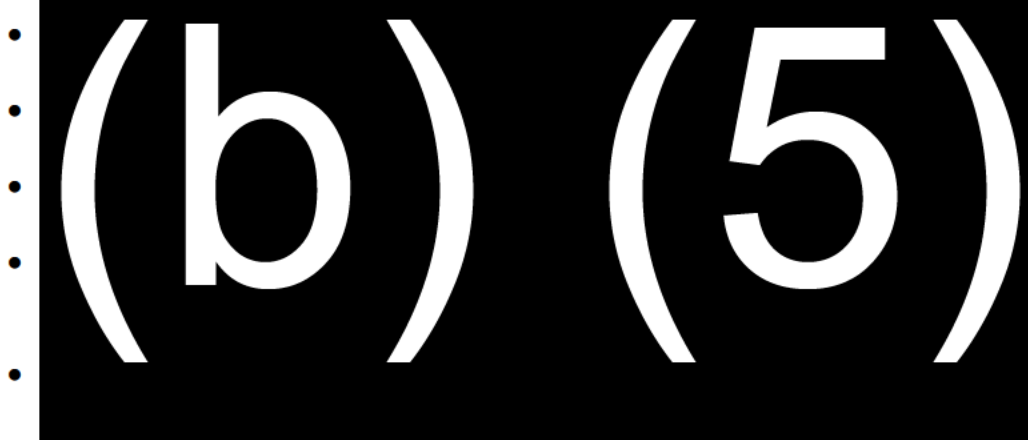
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I spoke to USACE OPA HQ tonight. More to follow in the am.

For both the NM Private construction and DoD litigation.

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From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 12:16:57 PM

To (b) (6)

Cc: PETERLIN, MEGHANN K (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: FW: Query from CNN

(b) (6), see Mike's message below. CBP doesn't have a statement.

From: FRIEL, MICHAEL J (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 12:14 PM

To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Query from CNN

CBP doesn't have a statement on this private venture at this time.

However, do to comments in news reports that CBP has engaged the organization, we're seeking feedback from USBP's wall team on a potential response.

Will keep you posted.

Mike

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 12:00 PM

To: FRIEL, MICHAEL (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) >

Cc: PETERLIN, MEGHANN K

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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: FW: Query from CNN

Hey Mike,

I just saw this story air on Fox.

Are you aware of any approved statements that we are speaking to on the GoFundMe segment of the fence?

See below for more details.

Thanks,

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 11:04 AM

To: PETERLIN, MEGHANN

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: Fwd: Query from CNN

Team,

(b)(5)

Thx,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Counselor to DHS Secretary

Cell (b)(6)

Sent from iPhone

From (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 10:01:54 AM

To (b)(6)

Subject: FW: Query from CNN

FYI

From (b)(6) (b)(6) cnn.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 10:56 AM

To (b)(6)

Media Inquiry

(b)(6)

>

Cc: CBP MEDIARELATIONS <CBPMediaRelations@cbp.dhs.gov>

Subject: Re: Query from CNN

Thanks (b)(6). One of my colleagues interviewed Brian Kolfage, who started the GoFundMe for the construction, and he claims the group was given the "blessing by DHS." Does DHS have comment on that?

(b) (6)
Immigration Reporter, CNN Politics
Cell, Signal, WhatsApp (b) (6)
(b) (6) [cnn.com](https://www.cnn.com)

From (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 10:46 AM
To (b) (6) Media Inquiry
Cc: CBPMEDIARELATIONS
Subject: RE: Query from CNN

Adding CBP.

From (b) (6) (b) (6) [cnn.com](https://www.cnn.com)>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 9:23 AM
To: Media Inquiry (b) (6)
Subject: Query from CNN

Hello,

I'm reaching out regarding the construction of a border wall on private land by the group, We Build the Wall. Kris Kobach, who's involved with the group, said a half mile stretch of wall on the site, near El Paso, is nearly finished.

Steve Bannon also told CNN that Border Patrol told the group that the stretch of private wall is among the most important points.

Does DHS have comment on the construction? And has DHS ever been in contact with the group over the wall?

Thank you.

Best,

(b) (6)
(b) (6)
Immigration Reporter, CNN Politics
Cell, Signal, WhatsApp (b) (6)
(b) (6) [cnn.com](https://www.cnn.com)

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 12:14 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: Texas Minutemen Meeting

Thank yo (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)!

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Division Chief
LE Operations
Big Bend Sector
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) office
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

----- Original message -----

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Date: 3/1/19 11:12 AM (GMT-06:00)
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
>
Subject: RE: Texas Minutemen Meeting

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C),

The Minutemen are no longer in the area. They plan to come back in April.

I'll keep in touch with the landowner and let you know of any updates.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 3:29 PM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) >
Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Texas Minutemen Meeting

Gentlemen,

Good afternoon. Sheriff Clarke stopped by at approximately 2:45 P.M., and left a few minutes ago. TCSO Deput (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) brought him by.

He stated since he was in the area he wanted to stop by and thank us for what we do. We visited in my office a little and he didn't have any specific questions. I talked to him about the community and the work our agents do. I walked him through a portion of the station and he met a few of the agents and thanked them for their service as well. He will be in Sanderson one more night and plans on leaving the area tomorrow.

As far as his ride along with TCSO, he was taken down t (b) (7)(E) which is approximatel (b) (7)(E)
(b) (7)(E) It's the same location CNN was taken to by Sheriff Hughes.

If you have any other questions that I may have missed, please let me know.

Thank you.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 12:21 PM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Texas Minutemen Meeting

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

How did Sheriff Clarke's visit go? Anything of interest?

Thank You Respectfully,

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
(A) Division Chief
Law Enforcement Operations Division
Big Bend Sector

(O (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
(C (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 8:57 AM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Texas Minutemen Meeting

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Good morning. I just spoke wit (b) (6). He stated that former Sheriff Clarke is flying into Midland today and they would like to know if Border Patrol will provide him with a tour. I let him know I had not heard back from my request last week and that I was sending it up the chain again.

The question came up with regards to their map request as well. I hadn't heard anything back, so I informed them we couldn't provide maps as they are for LEO use.

Thank you.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 5:51 AM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Texas Minutemen Meeting

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Good morning. I had a message left for me regarding a phone call for (b)(6) of the Texas Minutemen. It was regarding the ride along request for David Clarke. Is this something Border Patrol will entertain? I plan to call (b)(6) back this morning and wanted to provide him with information. The request was originally for yesterday, other than that, I do not have any more specifics at this time.

Thank you.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 4:22 PM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Texas Minutemen Meeting

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Good afternoon (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) and I just finished up a visit from (b)(6) founder of the Texas Minutemen, and another gentlemen by the name (b)(6) is a volunteer that came in from Florida.

At this time they only have permission to be on the land owned by (b)(6) which is approximately 185 acres. They did confirm that David A. Clarke is attempting to make it to the area next Tuesday and may be flying into Midland (b)(6) stated they plan to have Sheriff Hughes provide a tour for Mr. Clarke, but also asked if Border Patrol could provide a tour. I informed them I would route that through our chain of command. In addition to Mr. Clarke (b)(6) stated they are making contact with other people that support their cause and bring as much attention to the area as they can.

The entire conversation was good.

Thank you.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) >
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 2:55 PM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: Re: Texas Minutemen Meeting

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Thank You. Please ensure the rules of engagement are reiterated at musters. Also, notify us of any contact or issues.

Thank You Respectfully,

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(A) Division Chief
Law Enforcement Operations Division
Big Bend Sector

(O (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 25, 2019, at 12:54 PM (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) > wrote:

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Good afternoon. I received a call from (b)(6) the Terrell County landowner that will be allowing the Texas Minutemen to patrol his property. He informed me there are currently three members of the Texas Minutemen at his ranch and that they are anticipating approximately 10 more in a week or so. (b)(6) also informed me that former Milwaukee county Sheriff, David A. Clarke will be in the area next week to meet with him as well as the Sheriff. (b)(6) asked if we could provide him with maps of the area to provide to the Minutemen. I told him we didn't generate those here and I would have to send the request up the chain, but I didn't believe it would be possible. (b)(6) and the Texas Militia also plan to start a GoFundMe page asking for support for fuel and what not.

Thank you.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 2:47 PM

To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: FW: Texas Minutemen Meeting

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Good afternoon. Below is what I sent to (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) regarding the meeting. Will this work or do you want me to put it in another format?

Thank you.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Friday, December 7, 2018 1:49 PM

To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: Texas Minutemen Meeting

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Good afternoon. This morning at approximately 10:45 A.M., Terrell County landown (b) (6) and Texas Minutemen found (b) (6) stopped by the station. (b) (6) property is located on (b) (7)(E), (b) (6) approximately (b) (7)(E), (b) (6) and an additional (b) (7)(E), (b) (6). The portion of (b) (7)(E), (b) (6) leading up to (b) (6) property is considered a county road. Additionally, the entrance to (b) (6) property has a sign titled (b) (7)(E), (b) (6).

(b) (6) informed me that he contacted (b) (6) due to recently viewing an illegal alien alone (b) (6) and a subsequent event when he had a satellite phone stolen, which he attributed to an illegal alien. (b) (6) mentioned that he was once a Marshall in Wise County, Texas, and that he was also a Vietnam Veteran. When (b) (6) mentioned that he was from Wise County (b) (6) seemed surprised and mentioned that he lives in (b) (6). This demonstrated to me they were not very familiar with one another.

(b) (6) introduced himself and spoke of his past border activities in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. (b) (6) informed me he had approximately 20 individuals interested in coming to Terrell County and they planned to be here the second week in January. Additionally (b) (6) stated that he will vet all volunteers in order to keep the "Rambos" out.

I informed both gentlemen the best thing they can do is be our eyes and ears when they are out and the importance of communication with us if they encountered anyone as well as for officer safety. I explained the liabilities they could face when interacting with anyone they encounter. I also encouraged them to allow us to execute any law enforcement action. Both gentlemen acknowledged that they understood and (b) (6) stated that they will be in static positions and would advise of any activity. Before leaving I asked that they contact me before they return to the area, which they agreed to do.

Both men were cordial and respectful.

(b) (6) and (b) (6) were planning to visit the Sheriff after leaving my office.

I will be provide the above information to the Sheriff Hughes as well as local TPWD Game Wardens and DPS Troopers.

Thank you.

(b) (6), (b) (7)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
United States Border Patrol
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sanderson, Texas

Office (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 4:39 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

Thanks so much! I appreciate you. Have a good one!

(b) (6)
CNN Correspondent
C (b) (6)

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Border Patrol EL PAS (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 4:38 PM
To: (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>
Subject: RE: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

Nothing from us beyond our original statement.

There is news being made in Sunland Park though you may want to reach out to the city government there.

From: (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 2:17 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

Hi, Age (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

I hope you're doing well. I'm just emailing to check in. Anything new or of note?

Thanks,
(b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

On May 28, 2019, at 3:32 PM (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) wrote:

Nothing additional at this time. If that changes I will let you know.

From: (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 2:21 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>
Subject: Re: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

Hi, Agen (b)(6);(b)(7)(C).

Any update?

(b) (6)
CNN Correspondent
C (b) (6)

From (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>
Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 12:37 PM
To (b) (6);(b) (7)(C) Border Patrol EL PAS (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>
Subject: Re: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

Hi, Agen (b) (6);(b) (7)(C)

I'm so sorry to bug you again. I tried calling to see if that was easier but the call went to voicemail.

Another editor had a few more questions.

- Will CBP patrol a private wall?
- There is a road south of the wall, is that the road that CBP would use to patrol/or gain access to the area?
- Will CBP coordinate the connection points to the existing wall?
- How will CBP use/deal with the fact that the wall is there?
- Brian Kolfage from "We Build The Wall" says that DHS gave its blessing because the group didn't want to build on a site where DHS was already going to build a wall. Can you confirm that account?
- Was the wall needed in that area?
- Does CBP anticipate that it will help stop drug and human smuggling?

If it's easier to talk please call me. My cell i (b) (6).

Many thanks for all your help. I appreciate your time.

Best,
(b) (6)

(b) (6)
CNN Correspondent
C (b) (6)

From (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>
Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 11:02 AM
T (b) (6);(b) (7)(C) Border Patrol EL PAS (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>
Subject: Re: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

Thanks so much, Agen (b) (6);(b) (7)(C)

My editors are asking the following:

1. Does the fence connect to their existing fence?
2. Has anyone from CPB, including locally, been advising the group or telling the group where to build?

Are you able to answer these?

Thanks,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)
CNN Correspondent
C (b) (6)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Border Patrol EL PAS (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 10:29 AM

To (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>

Subject: RE: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

(b) (6)

This project is not connected to our efforts. Please reach out to the company leading construction for any information related to their endeavor. Thank you.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Public Affairs Specialist
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
9400 Viscount Blvd. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
El Paso, TX 79925
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Office (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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From (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 7:07 AM

To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cc (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>

Subject: Re: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

Hi, Agen (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Good morning. Just checking in to see if you had an update.

Many thanks,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)
CNN Correspondent
C (b) (6)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Border Patrol EL PAS (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Date: Monday, May 27, 2019 at 4:58 PM

To (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>

Subject: RE: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

(b) (6)

You have reached us on a federal holiday. We will get back to you Tuesday. Thank you.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>

Sent: Monday, May 27, 2019 11:45 AM

To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cc (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>

Subject: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

Hi, Agen (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

This is (b) (6) from CNN. I hope you are doing well. It's been a while.

I was hoping you could help me with a question. I'm reading that there is a private group who constructed a portion of the border wall on private property.

Here is the post:

<https://www.facebook.com/WeFundTrumpWall/posts/365278784334538>

They claim:

- they built a half-mile section along the New Mexico border with Mexico
- 18-foot steel bollard wall

Can you confirm that the wall was indeed built?

And is CBP commenting about how agents will be using it? Does it have the functionality that agents would want based on the location and what is around the wall... etc.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)
CNN Correspondent

(b) (6)
Miami, FL 33131

C (b) (6)

Twitter: (b) (6)

FB & IG: (b) (6)

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 10:47 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: LINE TOUR REQUEST

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Thanks.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Offic (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Ce (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
HSDN (SIPR (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
8901 Montana Ave, El Paso, TX 79925

On May 29, 2019, at 20:35 (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) wrote:

As far as know he is.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Assistant Chief Patrol Agent
Strategic Communications
U.S. Border Patrol - El Paso Sector
8901 Montana Ave.
El Paso, TX 79925
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) - Office
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) - Cell
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

On May 29, 2019, at 8:34 PM (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) wrote:

10-4. I will bounce it off of Chief Hull in the morning. Is he still coming in?

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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8901 Montana Ave, El Paso, TX 79925

On May 29, 2019, at 19:19 (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
wrote:

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Please see the below ride along request for David Clark for tomorrow for your review and approval.

He will be in town for the Santa Teresa new wall event tomorrow and is asking for a ride along after the event.

Your thoughts?

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) - Office
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) - Cell
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Begin forwarded message:

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Date: May 29, 2019 at 6:42:37 PM MDT
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: LINE TOUR REQUEST

Good afternoon Sir,

STN received a phone call requesting information on how to set up a line tour for Sheriff David Clarke. The caller was (b)(6) who is currently the head of security for the "We Build the Wall" project at monument one. His number is (b)(6)

Sheriff Clarke is scheduled to be in the El Paso area for the next couple of days attending several events. Sheriff Clarke requested a line tour to see the realities faced by agents on a daily basis. Sheriff Clarke has several events scheduled throughout the day and requested the line tour (if possible) be scheduled during the evening hours. I've provided (b)(6) your contact information and he will call you shortly with specifics regarding the request.

Below is a quick Wikipedia biography on Sheriff Clarke

David Alexander Clarke Jr. is an American former law enforcement official who served as Sheriff of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin from 2002 to 2017. In 2002, Clarke was appointed to the position by Governor Scott McCallum and later elected that same year to his first four-year term. He was reelected in November 2006, 2010 and 2014.^[1] Although registered and elected as a Democrat in a heavily Democratic county, many of Clarke's political views align with those of conservative Republicans.

He resigned as sheriff in August 2017.^[4] A vocal supporter of President Donald Trump, Clarke was considered for a role in the Trump Administration. After resigning as Sheriff of Milwaukee County, Clarke joined the super PAC America First Action as a spokesman and senior advisor, serving until February 2019.

Clarke was born in Milwaukee, one of five children of Jeri and David Clarke Sr. His father was a paratrooper with the 2nd Ranger Infantry Company. Clarke Jr. attended Marquette University High School where he played for the varsity basketball team. After finishing high school, Clarke took classes at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee but dropped out during his first year when he got a job driving beer trucks.

His career in law enforcement began in 1978 at the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD). He "rose through the ranks at a slow but steady pace in his 24 years with the department." Clarke was a patrol officer for eleven years and then a homicide detective; he was promoted to lieutenant of detectives in 1993 and captain in 1999.

In 1999, Clarke received a B.A. in Management of Criminal Justice from Concordia University Wisconsin's School of Adult and Continuing Education. In January 2002, Milwaukee County Sheriff Leverett F. (Lev) Baldwin resigned midway through his term to take a pension payout. Clarke was one of ten applicants for the position, and Governor Scott McCallum appointed him on March 19, 2002. He was elected to a full term later in 2002, and was reelected in 2006, 2010, and 2014.

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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Watch Commander
Santa Teresa Border Patrol Station
El Paso Sector
Ofc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cell: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 9:15 AM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: LINE TOUR REQUEST

10-4 sir...

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 7:01 AM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: FW: LINE TOUR REQUEST

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

I need a few minutes with the Chief when he has a chance this morning.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Office: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cellular: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
HSDN (SIPR) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Address: 8901 Montana Ave, El Paso, TX 79925

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 7:19 PM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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Date: May 29, 2019 at 6:42:37 PM MDT
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Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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CBP Statement:

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Fisher Industries has advised USBP that they have initiated construction activities on private property in the approximate area of a USBP border barrier requirement that was not prioritized under current funding. It is not uncommon for vendors to undertake demonstrations of their capabilities utilizing their own resources. We encourage all interested vendors to compete for border barrier contracts through established mechanisms to ensure any construction is carried out under relevant federal authorities and meets USBP operational requirements for border barrier.

With regard to how the U.S. Border Patrol intends to operate in the area in which the private border barrier has been erected, our posture remains as it always has - committed to completing our border security mission regardless of the terrain, topography, and infrastructure in a given location. Our agents will continue to patrol in pursuit of operational control of the Southwest border.

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 2:38 PM
To (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>
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Nothing from us beyond our original statement.

There is news being made in Sunland Park though you may want to reach out to the city government there.

From (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 2:17 PM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

Hi, Agen (b)(6);(b)(7)(C).

I hope you're doing well. I'm just emailing to check in. Anything new or of note?

Thanks,

(b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

On May 28, 2019, at 3:32 PM (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) wrote:

Nothing additional at this time. If that changes I will let you know.

From (b) (6) (b) (6) [turner.com](mailto:(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)@turner.com)>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 2:21 PM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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Hi, Agen (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Any update?

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From (b) (6) (b) (6) [turner.com](mailto:(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)@turner.com)>
Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 12:37 PM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Border Patrol EL PAS (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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Hi, Agen (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

I'm so sorry to bug you again. I tried calling to see if that was easier but the call went to voicemail.

Another editor had a few more questions.

- Will CBP patrol a private wall?
- There is a road south of the wall, is that the road that CBP would use to patrol/or gain access to the area?
- Will CBP coordinate the connection points to the existing wall?
- How will CBP use/deal with the fact that the wall is there?
- Brian Kolfage from "We Build The Wall" says that DHS gave its blessing because the group didn't want to build on a site where DHS was already going to build a wall. Can you confirm that account?
- Was the wall needed in that area?
- Does CBP anticipate that it will help stop drug and human smuggling?

If it's easier to talk please call me. My cell i (b) (6)

Many thanks for all your help. I appreciate your time.

Best,

(b) (6)

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From (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>

Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 11:02 AM

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Cc (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>

Subject: Re: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

Thanks so much, Agen (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

My editors are asking the following:

1. Does the fence connect to their existing fence?
2. Has anyone from CPB, including locally, been advising the group or telling the group where to build?

Are you able to answer these?

Thanks,

(b) (6)

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Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 10:29 AM

To (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>

Subject: RE: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

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This project is not connected to our efforts. Please reach out to the company leading construction for any information related to their endeavor. Thank you.

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From (b) (6); (b) (7)(C) Border Patrol EL PAS (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Date: Monday, May 27, 2019 at 4:58 PM
To (b) (6) (b) (6) <turner.com>
Subject: RE: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

(b) (6)

You have reached us on a federal holiday. We will get back to you Tuesday. Thank you.

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Sent: Monday, May 27, 2019 11:45 AM
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Cc (b) (6) (b) (6)
Subject: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

Hi, Agen (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

This is (b) (6) from CNN. I hope you are doing well. It's been a while.

I was hoping you could help me with a question. I'm reading that there is a private group who constructed a portion of the border wall on private property.

Here is the post:

<https://www.facebook.com/WeFundTrumpWall/posts/365278784334538>

They claim:

- they built a half-mile section along the New Mexico border with Mexico
- 18-foot steel bollard wall

Can you confirm that the wall was indeed built?

And is CBP commenting about how agents will be using it? Does it have the functionality that agents would want based on the location and what is around the wall... etc.

Thanks,

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CNN Correspondent

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Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 11:25 AM
To: (b) (6) (NBCUniversal) (b) (6) (NBCUniversal (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)); @NBC Uni News Digital Desk
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 1:52 PM
To (b) (6) (NBCUniversal (b) (6)) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: NBC News inquiry: Private group builds mile of border wall near El Paso

Hello,

Just following up on my colleague's email from earlier.

Thanks!

(b) (6)

Social Media Reporter

NBC News

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From (b) (6) (NBCUniversal)

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 10:36 AM

To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) @NBC Uni News
Digital Desk (b) (6) nbcuni.com>

Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: NBC News inquiry: Private group builds mile of border wall near El Paso

Hi there,

Thanks for the prompt response. We're aware that this effort isn't associated with DHS or CBP. We just wanted to know if this structure is actually being built on the US- Mexico border and if CBP or DHS is aware that such is structure has been erected near El Paso.

If there's any information on that, we'd appreciate it. Otherwise, we will of course reach out to the private group as well.

Thanks for the help.

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) [\(b\)\(6\);\(b\)\(7\)\(C\)](mailto:(b)(6);(b)(7)(C))

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 10:31 AM

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Uni News Digital Desk (b) (6) nbcuni.com>

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: NBC News inquiry: Private group builds mile of border wall near El Paso

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Thank you for the help and we hope to hear back.

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(b)(6)
 NBC NEWS

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 11:27 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: ON DEADLINE-Request for comment/additional info on private border wall construction in El Paso sector

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Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 10:45 AM

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Subject: ON DEADLINE-Request for comment/additional info on private border wall construction in El Paso sector

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I have a couple of questions I'm hoping you might be able to answer regarding the reported construction over the weekend of new border barrier on private land in Sunland Park, New Mexico.

First, leaders of We Build the Wall, the group funding the private construction project, have said that this particular area of the El Paso border sector was selected based on input from Border Patrol officials. [Per the El Paso Times](#), Kris "Kobach said Border Patrol agents in the area have told him that hundreds of immigrants have crossed there illegally and more than \$100,000 worth of drugs has been smuggled through the gap."

Can you confirm whether this is accurate?

The group's leaders have also stated that control of sensors on the privately-constructed wall will be handed off to U.S Border Patrol. Can you confirm this and any other details of an agreement regarding USBP use and control of the privately-funded fencing?

There have been conflicting reports about the length of the new steel fencing in Sunland Park (some say it extends a full mile, others say half a mile) and the time frame in which it's been constructed. Can you tell me the exact length of the gap in the existing U.S. government border fencing near Mount Cristo Rey?

Also, can you confirm whether construction of new fencing in this area was completed over the weekend or if it's still ongoing?

My deadline is this afternoon. I really appreciate any and all information you can provide on this.

Very best,

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Senior Reporter, Yahoo News

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From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 11:28 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Query from CNN

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Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 9:09 AM
To (b) (6) (b) (6) (b) (6) <(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)>; Media Inquiry (b) (6)
Cc: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov> (b) (6) (b) (6) <(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)>; Media Inquiry (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Query from CNN

We have been communicating with CNN (b) (6) on this matter.

From (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 9:03 AM
To (b) (6) (b) (6) <(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)>; Media Inquiry (b) (6)
Cc: cbpmediarelations <cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Query from CNN

(b) (6) understood. Will get back to you on this.

Thanks!

From (b) (6) (b) (6) [cnn.com](mailto:cbpmedia@cnn.com)>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 10:56 AM
To (b) (6) Media Inquir (b) (6)
Cc: CBPMEDIARELATIONS <CBPMediaRelations@cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Re: Query from CNN

Thanks (b) (6) One of my colleagues interviewed Brian Kolfage, who started the GoFundMe for the construction, and he claims the group was given the "blessing by DHS." Does DHS have comment on that?

(b) (6)
Immigration Reporter, CNN Politics
Cell, Signal, WhatsApp (b) (6)
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From (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 10:46 AM
To (b) (6) Media Inquiry
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Adding CBP.

From (b) (6) (b) (6) [cnn.com](mailto:cbpmedia@cnn.com)>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 9:23 AM
To: Media Inquir (b) (6)
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Hello,

I'm reaching out regarding the construction of a border wall on private land by the group, We Build the Wall. Kris Kobach, who's involved with the group, said a half mile stretch of wall on the site, near El Paso, is nearly finished.

Steve Bannon also told CNN that Border Patrol told the group that the stretch of private wall is among the most important points.

Does DHS have comment on the construction? And has DHS ever been in contact with the group over the wall?

Thank you.

Best,

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Director of Social Newsgathering

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From: (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 11:37 AM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

Thanks so much Age (b)(6);(b)(7)(C). We appreciate it.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 30, 2019, at 10:22 AM (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) wrote:

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To (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>
Subject: RE: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

Nothing from us beyond our original statement.

There is news being made in Sunland Park though you may want to reach out to the city government there.

From (b) (6) (b) (6) <turner.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 2:17 PM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

Hi, Age (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

I hope you're doing well. I'm just emailing to check in. Anything new or of note?

Thanks,

(b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

On May 28, 2019, at 3:32 PM (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) wrote:

Nothing additional at this time. If that changes I will let you know.

From (b) (6) (b) (6) <turner.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 2:21 PM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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Subject: Re: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

Hi, Agen (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Any update?

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CNN Correspondent
C (b) (6)

From (b) (6) (b) (6) <turner.com>
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Cc (b) (6) (b) (6) <turner.com>
Subject: Re: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

Hi, Agen (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

I'm so sorry to bug you again. I tried calling to see if that was easier but the call went to voicemail.

Another editor had a few more questions.

- Will CBP patrol a private wall?
- There is a road south of the wall, is that the road that CBP would use to patrol/or gain access to the area?
- Will CBP coordinate the connection points to the existing wall?

- How will CBP use/deal with the fact that the wall is there?
- Brian Kolfage from "We Build The Wall" says that DHS gave its blessing because the group didn't want to build on a site where DHS was already going to build a wall. Can you confirm that account?
- Was the wall needed in that area?
- Does CBP anticipate that it will help stop drug and human smuggling?

If it's easier to talk please call me. My cell i (b) (6)

Many thanks for all your help. I appreciate your time.

Best,

(b) (6)

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CNN Correspondent

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From (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>

Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 11:02 AM

To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Border Patrol EL PAS (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cc (b) (6) (b) (6) turner.com>

Subject: Re: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

Thanks so much, Agen (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

My editors are asking the following:

1. Does the fence connect to their existing fence?
2. Has anyone from CPB, including locally, been advising the group or telling the group where to build?

Are you able to answer these?

Thanks,

(b) (6)

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CNN Correspondent

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From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Border Patrol EL PAS (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 10:29 AM

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From (b) (6) (b) (6) <turner.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 7:07 AM

To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cc (b) (6) (b) (6) <turner.com>

Subject: Re: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

Hi, Agen (b) (6);(b)(7)(C)

Good morning. Just checking in to see if you had an update.

Many thanks,

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CNN Correspondent

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From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Border Patrol EL PAS (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Date: Monday, May 27, 2019 at 4:58 PM

To (b) (6) (b) (6) <turner.com>

Subject: RE: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

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You have reached us on a federal holiday. We will get back to you Tuesday. Thank you.

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From (b) (6) (b) (6) <turner.com>

Sent: Monday, May 27, 2019 11:45 AM

To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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Subject: CNN inquiry // Border Wall, built privately

Hi, Agen (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

This is (b) (6) from CNN. I hope you are doing well. It's been a while.

I was hoping you could help me with a question. I'm reading that there is a private group who constructed a portion of the border wall on private property.

Here is the post:

<https://www.facebook.com/WeFundTrumpWall/posts/365278784334538>

They claim:

- they built a half-mile section along the New Mexico border with Mexico
- 18-foot steel bollard wall

Can you confirm that the wall was indeed built?

And is CBP commenting about how agents will be using it? Does it have the functionality that agents would want based on the location and what is around the wall... etc.

Thanks,

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CNN Correspondent

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Miami, FL 33131

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From: (b) (6) (b) (6) nmsu.edu>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 12:34 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: Question from NPR

Got it, thanks.

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From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 10:10:52 AM
To (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Question from NPR

These are all spelled out in the FedBizOps soliciations for border wall constructgion. You can research those there.

From (b) (6) (b) (6) nmsu.edu>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 9:39 AM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: Question from NPR

Thanks for the quick response.

Can you clarify what the "established mechanisms" are to compete for border barrier contracts?

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(b) (6) • Multimedia Reporter • KRWG Public Media (b) (b) (6)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 9:21:27 AM
To (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Question from NPR

CBP statement attributable to a CBP spokesperson:

The U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) has identified requirements to construct more than 700 miles of border barriers along the Southwest border. These requirements have been prioritized against currently identified funding sources to enable construction in locations where border barriers will most impact border security operations. Approximately 43 miles of new barrier construction has already been completed in high priority locations, across varied terrain and topography, with many more miles underway.

Fisher Industries has advised USBP that they have initiated construction

activities on private property in the approximate area of a USBP border barrier requirement that was not prioritized under current funding. It is not uncommon for vendors to undertake demonstrations of their capabilities utilizing their own resources. We encourage all interested vendors to compete for border barrier contracts through established mechanisms to ensure any construction is carried out under relevant federal authorities and meets USBP operational requirements for border barrier.

With regard to how the U.S. Border Patrol intends to operate in the area in which the private border barrier has been erected, our posture remains as it always has - committed to completing our border security mission regardless of the terrain, topography, and infrastructure in a given location. Our agents will continue to patrol in pursuit of operational control of the Southwest border.

From (b) (6) (b) (6) @nmsu.edu>

Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 9:03 AM

To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: Question from NPR

H (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

I'm reporting on We Build the Wall and see that Brian Kolfage has claimed his group is constructing the wall in an area known as a "smuggling route for the cartels." Can you confirm whether this is a known corridor for drug and/or human smuggling?

Thanks,

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From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 12:37 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Border Wall Daily Media Summary - May 30, 2019 (UNCLASSIFIED)

LOL. I guess that's one way to demonstrate your ability to carry out the project.

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Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 11:14 AM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: FW: Border Wall Daily Media Summary - May 30, 2019 (UNCLASSIFIED)
Importance: High

Lots of articles on the private border wall below! It gets even weirder, the contractor they hired to build it is protesting the government for not getting one of the border wall projects.

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Senior Communications Analyst
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United States Border Patrol
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From (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 8:00 AM
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Subject: Border Wall Daily Media Summary - May 30, 2019 (UNCLASSIFIED)
Importance: High

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

All:

Below is the Daily Media Summary (Border Wall only) for internet-based news stories that I'm tracking 30 May 2019.

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(b) (6)
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Headlines:

1. (VIDEO only) Private Border Wall Fight -- <https://twitter.com/CBSThisMorning/status/1134061422642651138>
2. FEDERAL AGENCIES PUSH BACK ON CLAIM THEY SANCTIONED PRIVATE BORDER WALL CONSTRUCTION -- <https://dailycaller.com/2019/05/29/federal-agencies-private-border-wall/>
3. Group to hold rally at private border wall as completion nears -- <https://www.abqjournal.com/1321648/group-to-hold-rally-at-private-border-wall.html>
4. Tempe company (Fisher) hired to build privately-funded section of NM border wall -- https://www.azfamily.com/news/tempe-company-hired-to-build-privately-funded-section-of-nm/article_eec0bfb6-8280-11e9-ae60-9b2e0d7a0ab8.html
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1. (VIDEO only) Private Border Wall Fight -- <https://twitter.com/CBSThisMorning/status/1134061422642651138>

CBS This Morning ... David Begnaud 4:38 AM - 30 May 2019

Interviews with "We Build the Wall" members and video of privately-funded Border Wall near El Paso.

According to the report, the group plans Fireworks in the next 48 hours in celebration of their wall being completed.

2. FEDERAL AGENCIES PUSH BACK ON CLAIM THEY SANCTIONED PRIVATE BORDER WALL CONSTRUCTION -- <https://dailycaller.com/2019/05/29/federal-agencies-private-border-wall/>

The Daily Caller ... Andrew Kerr 9:25 PM 05/29/2019

-- We Build the Wall founder Brian Kolfage said the Trump administration called the International Boundary and Water Commission, a federal agency, to authorize his organization's construction of a private border wall.
-- He also said the Department of Homeland Security approved his organization's venture.
-- Both agencies disputed Kolfage's claim.

The founder of the nonprofit group that built a half-mile border wall over Memorial Day weekend said the Trump administration sanctioned the project, but two federal agencies disputed his claim Wednesday.

Triple amputee and Air Force veteran Brian Kolfage said Wednesday that the Trump administration called the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) and authorized the construction on private property near El Paso, Texas. He also said that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) approved the venture.

However, a spokeswoman for the IBWC told The Daily Caller News Foundation it received no such call from the Trump administration regarding We Build The Wall, which is funded by the viral \$20 million GoFundMe fundraising campaign Kolfage launched in December.

Brian Kolfage via TWITTER

@BrianKolfage

The International Boundary and Water Commission received a call direct from the Trump administration last week authorizing our build- WE ARE IN FULL COMPLIANCE! #Winning

6:26 AM - May 29, 2019 · El Paso, TX

"We are not aware of any call from the administration, and there would be no reason for our authorization because it's on private land," said the spokeswoman for the U.S. section of the IBWC, Lori Kuczmanski.

Kolfage hinted on Twitter that he had evidence of the Trump administration's authorization, but said he was "saving it for the media to break."

We Build The Wall did not return a request for comment.

Kolfage's tweet came one day after Sunland Park, New Mexico, issued a cease and desist order to the owner of the land where We Build The Wall's barrier was constructed. The letter said it violated a city ordinance. (RELATED: Cease And Desist Letter Issued Over Private Border Wall)

"There was no survey submitted with the plans at this point. There's no site plan developed or turned into the city of Sunland Park," Sunland Park Mayor Javier Perea said at a press conference Tuesday. "Also, city ordinance only allows a wall up to six feet tall, and this far exceeds that."

The DHS also pushed back on Kolfage, who told the Daily Mail on Monday that the agency approved his organization's build.

"This project is not connected to DHS efforts," a DHS spokeswoman told TheDCNF.

Kolfage also told the Daily Mail that former Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach is representing We Build The Wall in talks with the DHS in an effort to receive "permission to build inside the Roosevelt Easement."

The DHS spokeswoman would not say whether it was in talks with We Build The Wall. Key figures in Kolfage's organization have close ties to President Donald Trump.

Steve Bannon, who served as Trump's White House chief strategist in 2017, is We Build The Wall's director. Kobach led Trump's now-disbanded Presidential Advisory on Election Integrity alongside Vice President Mike Pence. The president was reportedly considering Kobach in May for a new "immigration czar" position to coordinate the administration's immigration policies.

Trump has also "aggressively" pushed DHS to award a border wall contract with Fisher Industries, the North Dakota-based construction firm working with Kolfage's organization, according to The Washington Post.

Fisher Industries CEO Tommy Fisher and Kobach have been featured in videos posted to We Build The Wall's YouTube channel touting that they built the barrier in an area the Army Corps of Engineers said was too rugged to build on at a

cost far lower than government estimates. The Office of Management and Budget said in January that the border wall would cost \$24.4 million per mile, but Kolfage's organization said it constructed a half-mile barrier for an estimated \$6 to \$8 million.

Kobach also said Fisher Industries used a much higher quality steel with a lifespan of 75 years for We Build The Wall's barrier, compared to the 25-year lifespan of the steel used in the federal government's existing border wall.

Fisher Industries filed a lawsuit against the federal government in April after it lost out on a lucrative contract to construct 50 miles of border fencing. The Army Corps of Engineers said the design submitted by Fisher Industries did not meet the "operational requirements" of Customs and Border Protection.

3. Group to hold rally at private border wall as completion nears -- <https://www.abqjournal.com/1321648/group-to-hold-rally-at-private-border-wall.html>

Albuquerque Journal ... ANGELA KOCHERGA Wednesday, May 29th, 2019 at 11:35pm

SUNLAND PARK The We Build the Wall group has a high profile "unveiling" and rally for the first private border barrier scheduled for today as the City of Sunland Park calls into question whether the company had a building permit.

The leader of the non-profit organization that raised more than \$20 million with a crowd funding campaign, Brian Kolfage, assured supporters "that they have all of the necessary permits and approvals and the wall is under full compliance with local laws," according to a news release issued Wednesday.

The City of Sunland Park issued a cease-and-desist order Tuesday afternoon as construction crews were putting the finishing touches on the border barrier. It's unclear if that cease-and-desist order was being followed. The bollard-style wall, which is at least 18 feet tall, is on property owned by American Eagle Co. and within Sunland Park city limits.

According to city officials, the owner turned in an incomplete application for a permit late Friday, and construction began over the Memorial Day holiday weekend before it was approved.

"There was no survey submitted, no site plan and some contradictory information submitted to the City of Sunland Park," Mayor Javier Perea told a news conference Tuesday.

"My understanding is the city only allows a wall up to 6 feet tall, so at this point it is not within city ordinance," Perea said.

So they would, at a minimum, need to apply for a variance for the wall.

The tiny border town has had to deal with a crush of media because of the private border wall and permit problem. The mayor has scheduled another news conference for today to provide an update on the permit issues.

Also today, Kolfage, an Air Force veteran, is expected to be at the private wall to "address questions about the cease-and-desist order," according to the We Build the Wall organization. Steve Bannon, former White House chief strategist to President Donald Trump, and other members of a "powerhouse team" will attend the unveiling event in New Mexico, the group said.

Former Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, legal counsel for We Build the Wall, said the Sunland Park barrier is the first of several projects on the border.

"We will go to other private lands," Kobach said at the construction site Tuesday. "At the end of the day, the federal government is going to build the majority of whatever wall gets built but we can fill in the gaps."

Kobach is under consideration for a top job with the Department of Homeland Security as an immigration czar. The North Dakota company that built the private wall in Sunland Park, Fisher Industries, also submitted a prototype for President Trump's border wall.

Even as We Build the Wall celebrates the first private border barrier, New Mexico's Democratic governor and other critics doubt the half-mile long structure in New Mexico will make a difference.

"To act as though throwing up a small section of wall on private land does anything to effectively secure our southern border from human- and drug-trafficking or address the humanitarian needs of the asylum-seekers and local communities receiving them that's nonsense," Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham said.

4. Tempe company (Fisher) hired to build privately-funded section of NM border wall --
https://www.azfamily.com/news/tempe-company-hired-to-build-privately-funded-section-of-nm/article_eec0bfb6-8280-11e9-ae60-9b2e0d7a0ab8.html

KPHO-TV (CBS-Phoenix) ... Lauren Reimer 5/30/19 9:30 PM

SUNLAND PARK, NM (3TV/CBS 5) -- Work on a privately funded stretch of border wall in New Mexico has come to a halt.

The fence is being built on private land with donated funds. But the city says the landowner doesn't have the right permits to build.

The company hired to do it is from right here in the Valley.

"They would just come over, and you can see the pathways from Mexico where the drugs would run and everything else," said Fisher Industries CEO Tommy Fisher, as he stood along the border.

In a rugged area of private land, in Sunland Park, New Mexico, crews from Fisher Industries are working to build a half mile of the new border fence.

"I think it's going to be very effective," said Fisher. "I've heard from multiple border agents. They just can't believe it."

Late last year, a GoFundMe page by the group "We Build the Wall" raised \$23 million to build more fencing.

[RELATED: A private group says it's started building its own border wall using millions donated in GoFundMe campaign]

The group hired Fisher Industries, a Tempe-based construction company, to do the job.

Fisher, the CEO, says their special hanging system that's attached to an excavator can put in multiple panels at a time.

"It makes me feel very very proud," said Fisher. "As well as just the effort that all the employees of the Fisher Industries family have put in to do this amount of work in ten days."

Fisher previously put in a bid with the federal government in hopes of winning the contract to build 234 miles of new barrier along the southern border.

For now, the Army Corps. of Engineers are chosen to construct new fencing.

Fisher says his company is happy to demonstrate its technique along the border for "We Build the Wall."

"I think we've made really big progress," Fisher said. "People said that there was no way this project would ever be built."

But with half the work complete, construction has temporarily come to a halt. The city and landowners are arguing over whether or not permits were granted for the project.

"The staff has been reviewing those particular documents, and have determined that, at this point, it is incomplete, and that the construction on the wall, at this point, is in violation of city ordinance," said Mayor Javier Perea of Sunland Park, NM.

Fisher says they expect to find out if they can get back to work on Thursday morning. He believes it will only take another three or four days to finish the half-mile stretch of fence.

"I'm leaving it up to those guys. If they tell me to stop, I'm going to stop," said Fisher. "They're the customer. If they tell me to go, I'm going to go."

Using Fisher's technique, the half-mile stretch of the border wall will cost about \$6 million. With money still left from the fundraiser, Fisher says they're currently scouting other locations for the next project.

5. Border wall battle forces courts to wade into appropriations law -- <https://www.rollcall.com/news/congress/border-battle-forces-courts-to-wade-into-appropriations-law>

Roll Call ... Todd Ruger May 29, 2019 7:16 AM

The legal fights over President Donald Trump's move to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border have forced the federal courts to confront a new question: What does it look like when Congress denies a president's request for an appropriation?

The answer might seem a straightforward call. The Appropriations Clause of the Constitution says no money can be spent unless it is in a spending law. Courts have already ruled that congressional control over federal expenditures is "absolute." Congress passed laws to reinforce that control.

And it sure sounds like a "no" from Congress this time. Trump asked for \$5.7 billion in fiscal 2019 to build a steel barrier along the southwest border and even shut down the government when he didn't get it. Congress ultimately gave him a quarter of that \$1.375 billion and only for one sector of the border.

But federal agencies do have some limited ability to transfer funds within their accounts. And the Trump administration has argued in court that Congress, at the same time it denied the direct request, also gave the government the statutory authority to transfer money into a fund that can be used for a range of projects that expressly includes fence construction on international borders.

The government says Congress did not explicitly spell out that no additional funds could be used for border barrier construction.

So judges are being asked to decide whether a congressional "no" on Trump's high-profile direct request for wall funding also meant a "no" on the other mechanisms that Trump eventually turned to when he didn't get it.

Judges are without their typical guideposts on the issue. U.S. District Judge Trevor N. McFadden, facing that question during a hearing last week in Washington on the House lawsuit to stop the wall, asked whether there are any prior court decisions that judges can look to for guidance about when an appropriation has been denied by Congress.

There isn't any such case law, House General Counsel Douglas Letter told McFadden.

McFadden then described his quandary. His instinct is that clearly Congress did deny Trump's preference for direct funding of the wall construction. But he also said he understood Congress in sections of law did give authority for the alternative funding mechanisms used by the administration and did not deny those.

McFadden plans to issue a decision at a later date.

The next day, U.S. District Judge Haywood Gilliam Jr. in California delivered a 56-page opinion that covered some of the same legal ground about whether Congress had given authority for the transfers, part of what he called "one of the key issues" in a case that is a "Gordian knot of sorts."

Gilliam, in his ruling, sided with a coalition of states and some environmental groups against the Trump administration and issued a preliminary injunction to stop border construction.

The Justice Department argued in that case that Section 8005 of the fiscal 2019 Defense spending law gives the Defense secretary the authority to transfer funds for military functions that are in the national interest.



The DOJ argued that the Defense Department can use that authority to put \$1 billion into a fund that Congress approved for counter-drug activities, which expressly provides for "construction of roads and fences and installation of lighting to block drug smuggling corridors across international boundaries of the United States."

There are a few apparent catches in the text of the laws for the government, though. Section 8005 says the transfers are available for "military functions (except military construction)," and the transferred funds can't be used for projects that have been denied by Congress.

Gilliam decided that Congress had denied such a move when it denied the president's request and made "a clear decision to deny the border barrier funding sought here." And he wrote that the Justice Department can point to nothing in the law or legislative history to back up its argument that Congress would have to explicitly deny a project to stop the Section 8005 transfer.

"The reality is that Congress was presented with and declined to grant a \$5.7 billion request for border barrier construction," Gilliam wrote. "Border barrier construction, expressly, is the item Defendants now seek to fund via the Section 8005 transfer, and Congress denied the requested funds for that item."

Last week, Letter said the House did exactly what it needed to do to deny Trump's full request for border wall construction funds with "amazing specificity" during the high-profile government shutdown. Congress doesn't need to pass another law or tweak appropriations riders to say, "no, no, we really meant it," Letter said.

6. VIDEO  County (Texas) town preparing for border wall construction --
<https://valleycentral.com/news/local/county-town-preparing-for-border-wall-construction> 

KGBT-TV (CBS-Harlingen, TX) ... Sydney Hernandez Wednesday, May 29th 2019 10:30 PM

Border wall construction is expected to start in two months, and a sma (b) (7)(E) County community is already preparing for it.

But where the new three miles of border wall will go up is still unclear, so the town of Escobares is planning if it is in their backyard.

"We're here for border security 100 percent," said Noel Escobar, Escobares' mayor. "We do not shy away from that responsibility that we need border security."

Escobar is the only mayor the town has ever had and said he has been included in CBP meetings, but hasn't gotten much information other than generalities.

"We haven't really gotten any definitive information at this point," Escobar said.

CBP has not released an exact location for the construction, but confirms they are spending over \$42 million to include steel bollards, road construction, detection technology and lighting installation.

Escobar said there is a need for the wall security because of a lack of technology in his town.

"Right now it's just brush everywhere," Escobar said. "All the way to the river, so those agents have a difficult time."

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From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 12:40 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Invitation to Chief Aaron Hull

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Unfortunately Chief Hull will not be able to attend this event. Please thank the coordinator for the invitation on behalf of Chief Hull.

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Office (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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We would also like to extend an invitation to any off-duty (or on-duty) officers who would like to take part in the festivities.

Our board will be there, including me Brian Kolfage, Sheriff David Clarke, former US Rep. Tom Tancredo, and others.

Please let me know if Chief Hull would like to attend. Thank you.

Kris Kobach
General Counsel, We Build the Wall
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From: HASTINGS, BRIAN S
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 12:44 PM
To: HULL, AARON A
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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Understood, Chief.

Thank you,
Brian

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To: HASTINGS, BRIAN S
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Chief:

FYI. This is the private group that built a wall near (b) (7)(E) on the American Eagle Brick Plant property. We were not involved in any way in the effort. We have stopped by and talked to them about the project and I introduced Chief Martin to them when we were on his line tour.

We are declining this invitation. However, I suspect that they will say that we helped/supported/whatever their effort in their press conference today.

Thanks.

Aaron A. Hull
Chief Patrol Agent
El Paso Sector
U.S. Border Patrol
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From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 10:32 AM
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General Counsel, We Build the Wall
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From: "HASTINGS, BRIAN S (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)"
Date: May 30, 2019 at 10:44:35 AM MDT
To: "MARTIN, JERRY B (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)"
"HUDSON, RICHARD M (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)"
Subject: Fwd: Invitation to Chief Aaron Hull

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From: HULL, AARON A
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 10:38:16 AM
To: HASTINGS, BRIAN S
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: FW: Invitation to Chief Aaron Hull

Chief:

FYI. This is the private group that built a wall near Monument One on the American Eagle Brick Plant property. We were not involved in any way in the effort. We have stopped by and talked to them about the project and I introduced Chief Martin to them when we were on his line tour.

We are declining this invitation. However, I suspect that they will say that we helped/supported/whatever their effort in their press conference today.

Thanks.

Aaron A. Hull
Chief Patrol Agent
El Paso Sector
U.S. Border Patrol
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 10:32 AM
To: HULL, AARON (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: FW: Invitation to Chief Aaron Hull

Chief,

Please see the below invitation to the We Build The Wall dedication ceremony today at 4:00 PM.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Assistant Chief Patrol Agent

Sector Communications

U.S. Border Patrol – El Paso Sector

8901 Montana Avenue

El Paso, TX 79925

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From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 10:22 AM

To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: Fwd: Invitation to Chief Aaron Hull

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: <kkobach@gmail.com>

Date: May 30, 2019 at 10:04:06 AM MDT

To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) >

Subject: Invitation to Chief Aaron Hull

Office (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

I would like to invite Chief Aaron Hull to the We Build the Wall site in Sunland Park at 4:00 pm today to take part in our dedication ceremony/rally for the newly-constructed wall. If he would like to say a few words to the crowd and media, we would be pleased for him to do so. At a minimum we would like to recognize him and thank him for the support of the BP in this endeavor.

We would also like to extend an invitation to any off-duty (or on-duty) officers who would like to take part in the festivities.

Our board will be there, including me Brian Kolfage, Sheriff David Clarke, former US Rep. Tom Tancredo, and others.

Please let me know if Chief Hull would like to attend. Thank you.

Kris Kobach

General Counsel, We Build the Wall

(b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 1:22 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: LINE TOUR REQUEST
Attachments: 5410-001B.pdf

Sir,

(b) (5)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 8:54 AM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: LINE TOUR REQUEST

Thank (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Office: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cellular: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
HSDN (SIPR) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Address: 8901 Montana Ave, El Paso, TX 79925

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 8:53 AM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: LINE TOUR REQUEST

Sir,

I'll get back to you by noon. About to walk into a meeting.

Thanks,

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 8:43 AM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: FW: LINE TOUR REQUEST
Importance: High

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b) (5)

Thanks.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Office: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cellular: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
HSDN (SIPR) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Address: 8901 Montana Ave, El Paso, TX 79925

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 7:19 PM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Fwd: LINE TOUR REQUEST

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Please see the below ride along request for David Clark for tomorrow for your review and approval.

He will be in town for the Santa Teresa new wall event tomorrow and is asking for a ride along after the event.

Your thoughts?

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Assistant Chief Patrol Agent
Strategic Communications
U.S. Border Patrol - El Paso Sector
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El Paso, TX 79925
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Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Date: May 29, 2019 at 6:42:37 PM MDT
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: LINE TOUR REQUEST

Good afternoon Sir,

STN received a phone call requesting information on how to set up a line tour for Sheriff David Clarke. The caller was (b) (6) who is currently the head of security for the "We Build the Wall" project at monument one. His number is (b) (6)

Sheriff Clarke is scheduled to be in the El Paso area for the next couple of days attending several events. Sheriff Clarke requested a line tour to see the realities faced by agents on a daily basis. Sheriff Clarke has several events scheduled throughout the day and requested the line tour (if possible) be scheduled during the evening hours. I've provided (b) (6) your contact information and he will call you shortly with specifics regarding the request.

Below is a quick Wikipedia biography on Sheriff Clarke

David Alexander Clarke Jr. is an American former law enforcement official who served as Sheriff of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin from 2002 to 2017. In 2002, Clarke was appointed to the position by Governor Scott McCallum and later elected that same year to his first four-year term. He was reelected in November 2006, 2010 and 2014.^[1] Although registered and elected as a Democrat in a heavily Democratic county, many of Clarke's political views align with those of conservative Republicans.

He resigned as sheriff in August 2017.^[4] A vocal supporter of President Donald Trump, Clarke was considered for a role in the Trump Administration. After resigning as Sheriff of Milwaukee County, Clarke joined the super PAC America First Action as a spokesman and senior advisor, serving until February 2019.

Clarke was born in Milwaukee, one of five children of Jeri and David Clarke Sr. His father was a paratrooper with the 2nd Ranger Infantry Company. Clarke Jr. attended Marquette University High School where he played for the varsity basketball team. After finishing high school, Clarke took classes at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee but dropped out during his first year when he got a job driving beer trucks.

His career in law enforcement began in 1978 at the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD). He "rose through the ranks at a slow but steady pace in his 24 years with the department." Clarke was a patrol officer for eleven years and then a homicide detective; he was promoted to lieutenant of detectives in 1993 and captain in 1999.

In 1999, Clarke received a B.A. in Management of Criminal Justice from Concordia University Wisconsin's School of Adult and Continuing Education. In January 2002, Milwaukee County Sheriff Leverett F. (Lev) Baldwin resigned midway through his term to take a pension payout. Clarke was one of ten applicants for the position, and Governor Scott McCallum appointed him on March 19, 2002. He was elected to a full term later in 2002, and was reelected in 2006, 2010, and 2014.



(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Watch Commander
Santa Teresa Border Patrol Station
El Paso Sector

Ofc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cell: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

CBP DIRECTIVE NO. 5410-001B

DATE: March 18, 2009

ORIGINATING OFFICE: C:PP

SUPERSEDES: CBPD 5410-001A, 9/8/05

REVIEW DATE: March 2012

U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS ROLES, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **PURPOSE.** To define guidelines relating to the disclosure of official U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) information to accredited news organizations, mass media, published professional journals, and stakeholder groups. In addition, this directive establishes policy and assigns responsibility for the management of public affairs activities in CBP.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 **Office of Public Affairs (OPA)** – In this document, the term Office of Public Affairs or OPA refers to the functional office as a whole which includes Headquarters Office of Public Affairs, Field Public Affairs Specialists, and uniformed personnel who perform public affairs functions as a collateral duty. Uniformed public affairs personnel report to their permanent offices' chain of command for operational and administrative supervision.

2.2 **Public Affairs Specialists (GS-1035) – PAS**, whether assigned to Headquarters or to field locations, disseminate timely and accurate information to the public and to CBP employees through the media and other communication outlets while protecting sensitive, proprietary or personal information. In addition, Public Affairs Specialists serve as subject matter experts to CBP leadership regarding communications, community relations, media relations and crisis communications. PAS report to the Headquarters PAO for functional and administrative supervision, guidance, and overarching administrative support.

3. POLICY.

3.1 CBP shall cooperate with accredited local, national, and foreign news organizations, without favoritism, in the dissemination of official information while not compromising the DHS/CBP mission. Through its authorized spokespersons, the CBP Office of Public Affairs (OPA) shall provide timely and sufficient responses to news organizations and individuals to establish and maintain the public trust. Authorized individuals who release information shall exercise due care to preserve privileged information, protect the rights of individuals, and comply with applicable laws, including the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts. Additionally, responses to news organizations and individuals shall be tempered by concerns for on-going investigations; sensitive foreign activities; operational factors; detection, targeting and selectivity

factors; techniques and capabilities; exchange of intelligence; and matters in litigation.

3.2 Unless otherwise delegated, official spokespersons for CBP are the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners, (which includes the Chief of the Office of Border Patrol), the OPA and others appointed by the OPA. In matters involving statements on behalf of the Administration, the only spokesperson shall be the Commissioner.

3.3 The OPA shall serve as the news media's principal point of contact for CBP. The OPA shall coordinate with the Office of Training and Development to create and provide media/crisis communications training to official spokespersons and full-time and collateral public affairs specialists.

3.4 The issuance of all headquarters press statements, news releases and interviews, and journal articles and the scheduling of telephone and in-person interviews shall be coordinated in advance through the OPA. All media requests and releases of information in the field shall be coordinated with the appropriate field public affairs specialists (GS-1035 series employees).

3.5 CBP personnel who participate in events that may generate national media interest or have policy implications, such as delivering speeches, participating in panel discussions, writing for an outside journal or publication, shall notify the appropriate OPA specialist for guidance and resource materials. The field public affairs specialists shall be responsible for advising the Headquarters OPA as well as senior field leadership.

3.6 The OPA ensures consistency of messaging and compliance with appropriate branding standards of materials that will be used to represent the agency through external journal articles by employees, brochures, pamphlets, content and placement of specific information on the CBP website, public speaking engagements such as panel discussions, conferences, trade shows, and local and regional organization meetings. This does not include any materials related to litigation or ongoing legal matters, negotiations with government organizations, union negotiations, or internal office communications.

3.7 The OPA shall prepare and disseminate timely and accurate public information for internal and external use, and shall research, develop, and produce internal communication plans and tools to improve CBP operations. The OPA may provide access to writers, communications specialists, and others to assist with various communication needs. The OPA will also serve as a conduit to external events planning to ensure a consistent message is relayed between internal and external audiences.

3.8 CBP media and public affairs policy must be executed with discretion and the use of sound judgment, as every possibility cannot be predicted and covered by a written policy statement. However, the unauthorized disclosure of official information to the media may be the basis for criminal and civil sanctions, and administrative disciplinary action.

4. AUTHORITIES.

- 4.1 DHS MD 2000 Organization of the Office of Public Affairs
 - 4.2 DHS MD 2010 Public Affairs Guidance and Designated Spokesperson
 - 4.3 DHS MD 2020 Providing Information to Call Centers
 - 4.4 DHS MD 2220 Embarkation of Media on Aircraft, Vessels, and Vehicles
 - 4.5 DHS MD 2230 Public Affairs Management Structure
 - 4.6 DHS MD 2250 Press Release Coordination and Approval Process
 - 4.7 DHS MD 2260.1 Review of External Publications
 - 4.8 DHS MD 2270 Public Speaking Opportunities
 - 4.9 DHS MD 2290 Coordination with U.S. Attorneys' Offices For Release of Information
 - 4.10 DHS MD 2510 Review of DHS Internal Publications
 - 4.11 DHS MD 0020 Management and Use of DHS Aircraft
 - 4.12 OMB Circular A-126 Improving Management and Use of Government Aircraft
 - 4.13 5 U.S.C. §§ 552 Freedom of Information Act
 - 4.14 5 U.S.C. §§ 552a Privacy Act
 - 4.15 6 C.F.R. Part 5 DHS disclosure regulations
 - 4.16 19 C.F.R. Part 103 CBP disclosure regulations
 - 4.17 CBP Directive No. 5410-001A (September 8, 2005)
 - 4.18 The Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended, Pub. L. 107-296 (November 25, 2002), codified in Title 6, U.S. Code
 - 4.19 Delegation of Authority to the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security Delegation 7010.3 (May 11, 2006)
 - 4.20 CBP Memorandum "Integrating as One Agency: CBP Office Roles, Responsibilities, and Coordination" (September 29, 2008)
5. RESPONSIBILITIES.

5.1 The Assistant Commissioner, OPA, is responsible for the operations of the office, has overall responsibility for CBP interactions with media and other public affairs programs and products, and reports directly to the Commissioner, CBP.

5.1.2 The OPA ensures that the Commissioner's public affairs programs are run properly and efficiently. The OPA is responsible for advising and assisting the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, and other CBP leaders on issues related to disseminating CBP information to the news media, the public, CBP workforce, and other government agencies.

5.1.3 The OPA (See definition section 2.2 - Headquarters, Field PAS, and uniformed Public Affairs Liaisons) is the single point of contact for all news media matters throughout CBP and is responsible for initiating and coordinating all CBP contact with the media.

5.1.4 The Headquarters OPA provides guidance to, and coordinates the activities of, field public affairs specialists and serves as CBP's coordinator with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) public affairs office.

5.2 CBP personnel, including uniformed officers and agents assigned to conduct public affairs activity, will comply with guidance issued by OPA.

5.2.1 CBP offices with personnel performing public affairs duties shall ensure that those individuals receive OPA approved training, adhere to OPA Guidance, and conduct all public affairs related business in full coordination with the CBP OPA.

5.3 The OPA public affairs specialists will support the communication needs of their respective field leadership and report to the Assistant Commissioner for OPA.

5.3.1 No office within CBP or employee outside of the OPA should initiate contact with members of the media or press for reasons of official business without prior approval by the OPA. In the event that notification to the OPA cannot be made in advance, of the media contact, the OPA will be notified as soon as possible.

5.4 No office within CBP shall employ personnel with the purpose of communicating or working with the media or press, nor plan or execute any public affairs outreach without the approval of the Assistant Commissioner, OPA, or his delegate.

5.4.1 The OPA is responsible for the coordination, approval and dissemination of all official information to the public via the media and public affairs outreach activity (with the exception of Congress, state governors, state and local officials, and other governments). Public Affairs personnel are responsible for the disclosure of official information regarding CBP activities within their area of responsibility. Matters potentially involving national media attention must promptly be reported to and coordinated through OPA.

5.4.2 The OPA manages and oversees the Publications Review Board and agency branding to ensure accurate and relevant information is released to public entities. The Board reviews any printed material intended for external distribution. Field public affairs specialists are responsible

for reviewing all materials that will be used regarding CBP activities within their area of responsibility. External information sharing to the media involving CBP policy must be coordinated with the OPA.

5.4.3 The OPA is responsible for the creation of agency magazines, newsletters, and other agency-wide distribution of public information to the internal audience via established channels, including informational television programming.

5.4.4 The OPA manages and plans for appropriate public affairs activities related to operational plans; accordingly, all CBP operational and program offices will coordinate with OPA in the course of operational planning, as appropriate (i.e., hurricanes, tabletops, enforcement operations).

5.4.5 In developing agency operations, the OPA will ensure that CBP is prepared to respond accordingly.

5.4.6 Public Affairs personnel are responsible for the public affairs annex, when one is required to Operations Orders during operational planning.,

5.5 It is the responsibility of the OPA to inform the public of the identity of CBP and its missions and goals.

5.6 All offices within CBP must coordinate with the OPA on all external contracts that support public affairs activities.

5.7 The OPA ensures that the office will not release to the public any material that is classified, law enforcement sensitive, private or proprietary information or information relating to matters in litigation or ongoing legal matters as directed in the Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act, and other relevant law, regulation, or policy. Where there are restrictions on release or dissemination of information, offices providing such information shall advise OPA of these restrictions and ensure that documents are appropriately marked.

6. PROCEDURES.

6.1 CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS:

6.1.1 The disclosure of official enforcement information to the news media will be fully coordinated with the appropriate office or agencies.

6.1.1.1 In matters involving post-complaint or post-indictment arrests and seizures, all statements, comments and news releases will be coordinated with the appropriate U.S. Attorney prior to release.

6.1.1.2 No information shall be disclosed which details grand jury proceedings or prejudices

either potential or on-going criminal actions.

6.1.1.3 At no time shall any CBP personnel furnish any statement or information to influence the outcome of a trial. Spokespersons may, however, make public the following information after coordinating with the appropriate entities (except for minors):

6.1.1.3.1 the name, age, residence, employment, marital status, and similar background information of the defendant(s); for minors only name and age may be released.

6.1.1.3.2 the substance or text of the charge, if not sealed, such as a complaint, indictment or information;

6.1.1.3.3 the identity of the investigating and/or arresting agency(s); and

6.1.1.3.4 the circumstances immediately surrounding an arrest or seizure, including the time and place of the incident, resistance, pursuit, possession and use of weapons, and, if deemed appropriate, a description of physical items seized at the time of arrest.

6.1.2 CBP will **refrain** from making available the following information:

6.1.2.1 observations about a defendant's character;

6.1.2.2 statements, admissions, confessions, or alibis attributable to a defendant;

6.1.2.3 details of investigative techniques and intelligence information or of the refusal by the defendant to submit to such techniques;

6.1.2.4 statements concerning the identity, credibility, or testimony of prospective witnesses; and

6.1.2.5 statements concerning evidence or argument in the case, whether or not it is anticipated that such evidence or argument will be used at trial (however, this generally does not include quantities or types of contraband seized);

6.1.2.6 any opinion as to the accused's guilt, or as to the possibility of a plea of guilty to the offense charged, or as to the possibility of a plea to a lesser offense;

6.1.2.7 names of juvenile offenders; and

6.1.2.8 staffing levels of specific enforcement units.

6.1.3 There may be situations in which these proscriptions will limit the release of information which would not be prejudicial under the particular circumstances. If a CBP official believes that in the interest of the fair administration of justice, the law enforcement process, or the homeland security needs of the United States, information beyond these guidelines should be released in a particular case, he or she shall request the permission of the Commissioner or

designee and, if the matter is to be referred or has been referred for prosecution, he or she will coordinate with the appropriate Department of Justice officials to do so. CBP officials may also consult with the Office of Chief Counsel for legal advice in such circumstances.

6.2 MEDIA REQUESTS TO PHOTOGRAPH SUSPECTS

6.2.1 Photographing of suspects /detainees by news organizations in public places or in transit is neither encouraged nor discouraged, but the individuals in CBP custody shall not be posed. Upon request of the media, mug shots of individuals in CBP custody may be provided in the interest of public safety, (i.e. to assist in the apprehension fugitives, developing investigative leads, crime deterrence, etc.) To ensure the integrity of investigations and judicial process, requests for mug shots should be coordinated with the appropriate law enforcement agency.

6.2.2 When news organizations arrive at the scene of an enforcement action in progress without prior CBP knowledge, CBP personnel shall not interfere with photographing suspects in public places or in transport. Generally, other than by reasons of judicial order or the specific need to take reasonable steps to limit activity of the news media if such activity will endanger the safety of CBP personnel or the public, or reveal CBP law enforcement techniques. CBP personnel should not prevent the lawful efforts of the news media to photograph, tape, record, or televise an enforcement action from outside a designated perimeter as long as the CBP-controlled area has not been breached.

6.2.3 Decisions to allow any photographing, videotaping or filming by the media at CBP facilities shall be made in consultation with the appropriate Public Affairs Specialist and with the concurrence and control of the appropriate CBP supervisor.

6.2.4 Detention of persons or media and/or the detention of recording equipment, film or notes are prohibited unless the owner or operator of such materials has violated federal law, unlawfully breached the security of a CBP facility, or has endangered the safety of CBP personnel.

6.3 CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS – ARRESTS, SEIZURES, SEARCH WARRANTS, SURVEILLANCE

6.3.1 In cases in which a search warrant is to be executed, no advance information shall be provided to the news media about actions to be taken by law enforcement personnel, nor shall media representatives be invited to be present.

6.3.2 If the media arrive at the scene of enforcement actions, the officer in charge (or designee) or the OPA representative shall be the only authorized spokespersons within the previously stated guidelines. Authorized spokespersons may provide public information after safeguarding the integrity of the enforcement action and ensuring the safety and protecting the identity of participating law enforcement officers.

6.4 CIVIL PROCEEDINGS

6.4.1 Guidelines for civil cases (information concerning fines, penalties, and forfeitures cases) in 19 C.F.R. 103.32 (and, to the extent the matter has been referred and is handled by the Department of Justice, in coordination with the appropriate Justice Department officials acting pursuant to 28 C.F.R. 50.2 (c) or successor regulations) shall be followed.

6.4.2 It is the policy of CBP to seek to deter violations of 19 USC §1592 and other customs and immigration laws by making known, when appropriate, general information about penalty and forfeiture actions taken by the agency.

6.4.3 After the assessment of a civil penalty, payment of a mitigated amount or judicial action, the identity of the violator; the section of the law violated and the nature of the violation; the amount of the penalty assessed; the loss of government revenue; the mitigated amount (if applicable); the amount of money paid; the alleged violator's right to seek mitigation; judicial review or appeal from a penalty assessed; and other information available under FOIA or other laws may be disclosed to the public after consulting the operational office involved and in accordance with existing CBP protocol regarding the release of information under FOIA by the appropriate OPA personnel or field manager.

6.4.4 Public disclosure of any other item of information concerning such cases, whether open or closed, shall only be made in conformance with the procedures provided in the Freedom of Information Act and other laws, as appropriate.

6.5 WHISTLEBLOWER ACT

6.5.1 CBP officials designated as spokespersons may comment on allegations made by declared whistleblowers. However, the quantity and type of information for potential release will be determined on a case-by-case basis by OPA personnel. This policy requires employees not to disclose information protected by the Privacy Act in personnel or investigative files.

6.6 RIDE-ALONG REQUESTS

6.6.1 All requests by the media to ride along in CBP aircraft and vessels must be approved in advance by the operational office HQ leadership.

6.6.1.1 Media ride-alongs on CBP conveyances are prohibited during the execution of arrest and search warrants. All other ride-along requests shall be handled on a case-by-case basis. Media related requests shall be coordinated in advance with the appropriate Public Affairs personnel. All ride-along requests shall include a signed "hold harmless" agreement. Approval of ride-along requests on CBP aircraft is contingent on applicable federal regulations regarding non-essential passengers on government law enforcement aircraft.

6.6.3 Approval of a ride-along request must take into consideration the following criteria:

6.6.3.1 safety consideration regarding individuals and activities involved;

6.6.3.2 protection of sensitive law enforcement information, investigative techniques, and the identity of law enforcement personnel involved; and

6.6.3.3 media consent to embargo publication or broadcast pending completion of appropriate investigative matters resulting from a law enforcement action occurring during the ride-along.

6.7 CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS

6.7.1 Each CBP office, in creating their incident/emergency response plans and continuation of operations plan should ensure that their appropriate public affairs specialists is aware of the plan and understands his/her role as the communicators to the media during a crisis. Operational managers and public affairs specialists shall report incidents to their respective chains of command as quickly as possible.

6.7.2 Crises may include, but are not limited to: terrorist attacks; incidents that could be construed as terrorist-related; shooting incidents; the use or threatened use of explosives; mass deaths of illegal immigrants; ambush killings and assassinations; taking of hostages; kidnapping; hijacking; theft of weapons; mass demonstrations; sabotage; other forms of violence; and natural disasters.

6.7.3 In the event of a crisis or incident, and in accordance with the Incident Command System, it is essential to identify a local spokesperson as soon as possible and that Headquarters officials, the designated local spokesperson and the principal field officer/public affairs specialist are distributing the same information (speaking with one voice). Proposed responses to media queries shall be coordinated as soon as possible with the appropriate public affairs specialist and Headquarters. The OPA is responsible for coordinating release of information with the DHS Office of Public Affairs. Overseas, host governments and the U.S. Department of State have primary responsibility for managing incidents that involve U.S. citizens or property, including possible attacks on U.S. Government agencies or installations.

6.7.4 Further coordination should be affected with appropriate state/local entities that have a jurisdictional interest in the incident.

6.7.5 Principal field officers/public affairs specialists should consider establishing a joint information center near the scene, consistent with safety requirements.

6.8 ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS

6.8.1 Principal field officers and/or public affairs specialists shall ensure the timely coordination and release of accurate information released to the media as soon as possible after an accident involving CBP aircraft or vessels; or after serious vehicle accidents involving CBP personnel. This is to prevent or dispel rumors that could promote misinformation in media reports.

6.8.2 The names of all injured or deceased accident victims will be withheld pending

notification of next of kin. Depending on the nature of the incident, and unless there are exigent circumstances to the contrary, following notification of next of kin, names of CBP employees may be released along with job title and duty station. Such release will be coordinated with impacted operational offices.

6.8.3 If news media arrive at the scene of an accident, the officer in charge or OPA personnel shall be the only official(s) authorized to release official information. The integrity of the incident site must be preserved and any exposed classified or law enforcement sensitive material immediately will be removed prior to permitting news media photography.

6.8.4 The following information may be released unless otherwise deemed law enforcement sensitive:

6.8.4.1 a general description of the type of accident (crash, mid-air collision, etc.);

6.8.4.2 the time and general location;

6.8.4.3 the aircraft's or vessel's departure point and destination (unless classified or foreign country sensitivities precludes release);

6.8.4.4 the number of crew members and passengers on board or persons in vehicle(s);

6.8.4.5 the type of aircraft, vessel or vehicle and its general purpose;

6.8.4.6 unclassified facts about the mission of the vehicle, aircraft or vessel when the accident occurred, such as training flight, patrol, surveillance, etc.; and

6.8.4.7 the fact that a board of officials, including local CBP representatives, will investigate the accident. No speculation about the cause of the accident shall be released, even if it appears obvious. Release of information concerning aircraft accidents, during and following a field investigation, shall be made only by the lead investigative agency or the investigator-in-charge.

6.8.4.8 Information that could reveal law enforcement tactics, eliminate the element of surprise, or endanger lives may not be released.

6.9 INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

6.9.1 The Office of International Affairs (INA) and other CBP offices with employees abroad or conducting international training programs abroad may, at their discretion and with the concurrence of appropriate U.S. embassy personnel, provide information about such programs and training to the media. When such events occur, CBP personnel abroad will inform the OPA prior to the disclosure of information, when possible. In the event that notification to the OPA cannot be made in advance, the Office of International Affairs will notify the OPA as soon as possible of any such media event.

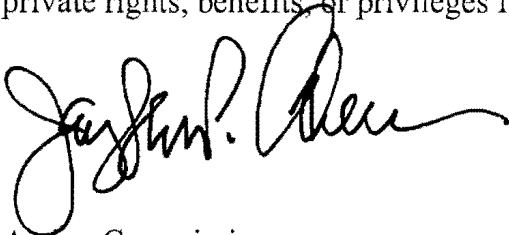
6.9.2 The Office of International Affairs, will ensure timely coordination of major international events. News releases by OPA will be coordinated with the State Department, foreign country administrations, and the Office of International Affairs.

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1 The OPA will accurately and efficiently provide information regarding CBP policies and activities to the public through interaction with accredited media, production of brochures, pamphlets, and other internal and external publications, and operation and review of interactions with the public and other stakeholders. Effective communication begins with effective planning and continues throughout the project. Some of the following methods will be used to track effectiveness of communications: web tracking; user surveys and questionnaires; telephone surveys; user observation; focus group feedback; and feedback cards.

8. NO PRIVATE RIGHTS CREATED

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay S. Allen", with a stylized, flowing script.

Acting Commissioner
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

From: (b) (6) (NBCUniversal (b) (6))
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 1:23 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) @NBC Uni News Digital Desk
Subject: RE: NBC News inquiry: Private group builds mile of border wall near El Paso

Thank you for sending this statement.

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) [mailto: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)]
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 11:31 AM
To: (b) (6) (NBCUniversal (b) (6)); @NBC Uni News Digital Desk
(b) (6) nbcuni.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: NBC News inquiry: Private group builds mile of border wall near El Paso

CBP statement attributable to a CBP spokesperson:

The U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) has identified requirements to construct more than 700 miles of border barriers along the Southwest border. These requirements have been prioritized against currently identified funding sources to enable construction in locations where border barriers will most impact border security operations. Approximately 43 miles of new barrier construction has already been completed in high priority locations, across varied terrain and topography, with many more miles underway.

Fisher Industries has advised USBP that they have initiated construction activities on private property in the approximate area of a USBP border barrier requirement that was not prioritized under current funding. It is not uncommon for vendors to undertake demonstrations of their capabilities utilizing their own resources. We encourage all interested vendors to compete for border barrier contracts through established mechanisms to ensure any construction is carried out under relevant federal authorities and meets USBP operational requirements for border barrier.

With regard to how the U.S. Border Patrol intends to operate in the area in which the private border barrier has been erected, our posture remains as it always has - committed to completing our border security mission regardless of the terrain, topography, and infrastructure in a given location. Our agents will continue to patrol in pursuit of operational control of the Southwest border.

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 8:31 AM
To: (b) (6) (NBCUniversal (b) (6)) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @NBC Uni News Digital Desk (b) (6) nbcuni.com>
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: NBC News inquiry: Private group builds mile of border wall near El Paso

(b) (6)

This project is not connected to our efforts. Please reach out to the company leading construction for any information related to their endeavor. Thank you.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Public Affairs Specialist
Office of Public Affairs
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From (b)(6) (NBCUniversal) (b)(6) 6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 8:13 AM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) > @NBC Uni News Digital Desk (b)(6) [nbcuni.com](https://www.nbcuni.com)>
Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) > (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: NBC News inquiry: Private group builds mile of border wall near El Paso

Hello,

My name is (b)(6) and I'm with NBC News. I am reaching out because we are seeing videos from a private group associated with Brian Kolfage who have been able to build a portion of their "border wall" near El Paso. Would your agency be able to verify this claim? Is this portion of the wall constructed with metal slates and a mile long?

Kolfage also shared this video below showing the construction of a portion of the wall. Can your agency confirm the authenticity of this video?

https://www.facebook.com/Brian.Kolfage.ir/videos/365817830712299/?_xts=%5B0%5D=68.ARCULCqttW1-81i7YZVDrfWZ4X8K3rC3heN01LGmUS4AAqiE01ikd_iA3Pf0g4eunRB1bpd6zkbK_BZpWoU_6HCnllGiUP2zTpu5elgfQdIVa2_BqlzPqx9vmVcZHqUhlmqY-eMij5MDe-mfS1ebcoOx4ngeTCzqfd3H3gyENJCQTVK_LR26cpi-c_fWt9ybGjPiCorM0t9TmA3PUSsTmVgZm3N6QE610D9yWCuEhWlxVXEnxHg6FVqjYBGjmheRTAj-kcHdVm-0FTnOkMmSC_zAUsgHhJA-WT_tOZH363qMGpFQRQm3-NIYTld9ReHB5pU4tbxk414TliyTF11vWLlLkMLKLx48Nymb7Eo3x&tn=-R

Thank you for the help and we hope to hear back.

(b)(6)
Director of Social Newsgathering
(Direct (b)(6)
(Mobile (b)(6)
(Team line (b)(6)

(b)(6)

From: GoFundMe <support@gofundme.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 11:10 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Donation Confirmation for <https://www.gofundme.com/TheTrumpWall>

Dear GoFundMe Customer,

Thank you for confirming that you would like your donation to go to We Build The Wall Inc., the new 501(c)(4) organization created to manage the money raised on Brian Kolfage's campaign:
<https://www.gofundme.com/TheTrumpWall>

If you believe you have received this message in error, please reply to this email to reach our team.

Thank you,

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 10:21 PM
To: BORKOWSKI, MARK S
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Information for 4:30pm Meeting

Mark,

Following up on your meeting recap, below is some additional information to assist with the concerns expressed by Senator Hoeven. I am going to go ahead and add this to our timeline now that this has been raised as a concern. Not sure exactly what was promised on what "follow-up" consisted of, but the below demo, as well as sharing the documents Fisher provided at the briefings to the Border Wall Program and to OA have been shared with USACE as well. If you get any insight on his expectations please let us know and I would be happy to follow up.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) She has a meeting with Senator Cramer next week, so I want to ensure we are on the same page)

(As confirmed by the USACE Fort Worth Office)

*Three technical USACE personnel were invited and attended a Fisher Industries Demonstration in Coolidge, AZ on **16 April 2019**. Other attendees noted by the USACE participants included: Mr. Kevin Cramer - ND Senator, Mr. Bill Cassidy - LA Senator, Ms. Debora Lasko - AZ Congresswoman, Mr. John Rutherford - FL Congressman, Mr. Andy Briggs - AZ Congressman, Mr. Matt Gaetz - FL Congressman, Mr. John Joyce - PA Congressman, Mr. Pete Stauber - MN Congressman, Mr. Dusty Johnson - SD Congressman, and Mr. Kris Kobach - former Kansas State Secretary.*

The agenda for the domination included:

- * Fisher's Patent-Pending Fence Installation System Demo*
- * Presentation of three stage border security system*
 - * Physical Barrier*
 - * Infrastructure*
 - * Technology*
- * Fisher Industries construction presentation*
- * Tour of Stinger Steel facilities*

(As confirmed by the CBP Border Wall Program)

*Two CBP personnel attended a similar demonstration at the same location on or about **13 March 2019**. Congressional representation was also present but CBP did not speak to anyone.*

Thanks,

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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) PMP
Business Operations Director
Border Wall Program Management Office
United States Border Patrol
Program Management Office Directorate
Desk (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cell Phone (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From: BORKOWSKI, MARK (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 4:44 PM

To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: Information for 4:30pm Meeting

Just got off the call with Senator Hoeven.

He was concerned because, after he spoke to us last, we connected with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) and told Senator Hoeven we get the Fisher info to the Corps. The Corps never got anything from us. Senator Hoeven wants to know why. I told him I'd ask you and then get back to him.

I did tell him that I believed the Corps was aware, since Fisher had bid on contracts and we had done an assessment of their proposals. He said that he and his staff have gotten the material forwarded to the Corps so he knows they now have it but he'd still like to know why we didn't follow through.

Can you help me track that down?

Thanks,
Mark

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 1:14 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: FW: We Build The Wall GoFundMe

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Here's the email.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Border Patrol Agent
Public Affairs Office
Rio Grande Valley Sector

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)



From (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 12:11 PM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: We Build The Wall GoFundMe

H (b)(6);(b)(7)(C),

Good afternoon. Following up on my call, here is the tweet from the leader of the We Build the Wall organization:

<https://twitter.com/BrianKolfage/status/1089938257725607941>

Brian Kolfage and other organizers are in the Valley this week and say they will meet with landowners about privately constructing sections of border wall.

Would it be possible to get a statement from CBP about whether Kolfage and other organizers are meeting with any CBP officials today? And would it also be possible to get a statement about CBP's position on whether private landowners or groups should build border wall?

Thanks,
(b) (6)



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From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 4:44 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: Private border fence

Received

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 4, 2019, at 16:41 (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) wrote:

Sorry, we just aren't in a position to speak to those issues at this point.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 4:38 PM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Private border fence

Sounds good. Just was checking since she's down there. Appreciate it.

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 4:37 PM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Private border fence

I stand by the "we don't have anything beyond that" from (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) earlier email...

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 2:10 PM
To (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Cc (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: Private border fence

ALCON, here's the statement that we're currently using to address the questions about our involvement with this project.